

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M. Britton (Reg. No. 47620) on 4/24/08.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 6, "the largest" has been changed --a largest--;

line 7, "the installation" has been changed --an installation--;

line 10, "." has been changed --;--;

New lines have been inserted after line 10 as follow:

--wherein the frame is provided with slots for supporting a middle portion located between ends of the ring spring;

wherein the slots are provided with projections configured to prevent the ring spring from rotating around an axis passing via the ends; and

wherein the ring spring is placed in such a manner that when the fuse end is at said largest possible depth in the installation direction between the contact members, the fuse end is in contact with the middle portion located between the ends of the ring spring. --;

Claim 3, line 1, "2" has been changed --1--;

Claim 8, line 1, "7" has been changed --1--;

Claim 10, line 1, "7" has been changed --1--;

Claims 2, 7 and 9 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 10 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the slots are provided with projections configured to prevent the ring spring from rotating around an axis passing via the ends; and the fuse end is in contact with the middle portion of the ring spring when the fuse end is at said largest possible depth, as set forth in the claimed combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh-Tam T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-2094. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TC Patel can be reached on 571-272-2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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